

America and the tourist industry in southeast Alaska and the rest of the State of Alaska.

I am quite excited about this piece of legislation, and I do thank the House and the people who did not object to this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely thank everyone for being part of an effort to solve a problem for a State.

MICHAEL BROWN

(Ms. BUSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise today to wish a happy 25th birthday to Michael Brown, Jr.

The last birthday that Michael Brown celebrated was his 18th, a celebration that was supposed to mark the beginning of his journey to adulthood filled with years of joy making music, caring for animals, and spending time with those he loved. But just 81 days after his 18th birthday, he was shot and killed by a St. Louis police officer.

While I say that St. Louis and I rise today, we have never taken a seat, we have never rested, and we have never stopped striving for a just world, a world where Michael would have been celebrating his birthday today.

To Michael Brown, Jr.: We love you, we miss you, we will never forget you, and in your honor, we bring our struggle for justice from the front lines of Ferguson, which is why I am standing here to the Halls of Congress.

Stand up, don't stand down.

We do this for Mike Brown.

Happy birthday.

FAREWELL TO JACK WALECKI

(Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere gratitude to one of the most valued and dedicated members of my team, Jack Walecki.

After over 4 years of service to our country and the people of Louisiana's Fourth Congressional District, Jack is going to be leaving our D.C. office to pursue a law degree at Pepperdine University.

For the past 2½ years, and through some of the most historically significant events in recent memory, I have relied upon Jack's steady counsel as my lead staffer for judiciary issues. His level head and steadfast commitment to his work have been instrumental in helping to right the ship in truly tumultuous times.

More importantly, Jack's easy-going, quintessentially California attitude will leave a lasting mark on our team. We will sorely miss his obscure cultural references and random tidbits of knowledge that would make a trivia master's head spin.

We are all saddened to see Jack leave, but we are also delighted to see him take this next step in his life.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Jack for all his work and dedication. God has great plans for your life. Our family and staff wish him all the best.

Onward, my friend.

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SUPPORT OUR ALLY ISRAEL

(Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in unequivocal support of our ally Israel.

As a sovereign state, Israel has every right and a duty to protect its people from the unprovoked attacks of the Iranian-backed terrorist group Hamas.

It is painful to watch the parents and their terrified children fleeing to bomb shelters as rockets rain down indiscriminately on civilian neighborhoods. Thankfully, our Israeli friends are protected by the Iron Dome, a joint U.S.-Israeli defense initiative that has saved countless lives.

It is shameful that some within our Congress choose to condemn our long-time ally for simply defending themselves. No doubt, if a similar attack took place in the U.S., these same Members would expect our military to protect their homes and communities.

Sadly, we shouldn't be surprised when terrorist groups like Hamas feel emboldened to attack our allies when the Biden administration's policies signal weakness to our adversaries.

I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to speak up, with one voice, in support of Israel, one of our great allies.

BORDER CRISIS HAS NO END IN SIGHT

(Mr. NEHLS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, it has been 57 days since Vice President KAMALA HARRIS was named the point person on the border. She still has not visited.

The entire Biden administration continues to distract from, deny, and downplay this public health, humanitarian, and national security crisis.

Apprehensions in the month of April are up more than 100,000, higher than they were in January of this year. This has been ongoing for months, and the administration still has no plan.

The Biden border crisis is costing American lives and billions in taxpayer dollars and is once again placing the responsibility of the Federal Government on individual States.

When is enough enough? When will the Biden administration stop allowing criminal cartels to reap billions in profits from their inaction? When will the Biden administration stop failing to fulfill their constitutional mandate to keep the American people safe? It is anyone's best guess.

But with Democrats controlling the House, the Senate, and the White House, the Biden border crisis has no end in sight.

EXTENDING THANKS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND TEACHERS

(Mr. CAWTHORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAWTHORN. Mr. Speaker, the problems of today will rest squarely on the shoulders of America's children. There is nothing more foundational to the longevity of this Republic than investing in the next generation.

During this COVID pandemic, educating our students and preparing them to face the battles and turmoil of the future has never been harder. If we have learned one thing through this pandemic, it is that in-person teaching is foundational to future success.

I want to extend the thanks of a grateful district to the teachers of Veritas Christian Academy, headmaster Dr. Robert M. Woods, and other institutions who remained open throughout this pandemic and placed the needs of our schoolchildren first.

Your valiant efforts are seen. Your dedication to America's youth in the face of great challenges is recognized. And your great determination to safeguard our future leaders is of high commendation.

Thank you for all that you do, and I look forward to being back in the district to see you all soon.

CHARTING ECONOMIC CHANGES DUE TO BIDEN POLICY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, this chart by the Republican Study Committee shows the difference not just a year makes but what an attitude to governing makes toward making a living and managing families' needs, even enjoying what you have earned and how you see fit to spend it.

Energy independence: Stopping production and oil and gas infrastructure in the U.S. gives higher prices, which are eclipsing \$4 now even in my home State of California.

Lumber: Though our California and Western forests burn millions of acres each year, somehow we have a lack of harvest and lumber shortages, thanks to strange environmental thinking prohibiting the forest harvest and management we need to prevent fires and keep the lumberyards full. I know it is not the logger or the log truck driver making the killing here in the quadruple pricing per board-foot.

Home costs: They ride right up there with lumber as well, and all the other inputs, up 20 percent.

Coffee: Up 50 percent. Coffee has to come from somewhere.

Wheat: Up big. Bread and cereal won't be any cheaper. Will the farmer see this windfall? Not likely.

Corn: The same thing. Will the farmer do any better with the much higher cost of corn? No.

Copper: Used in so many of our mechanical and electrical devices, it is going up, making it harder to wire our homes.

The bottom line is: Everything you need is much more expensive, thanks to Biden policy.

SENATE MUST STOP INHUMANITY OF POLICE BRUTALITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise, in the spirit of Shirley Chisholm. I rise unbought and unbossed, a liberated Democrat.

And I rise today, Mr. Speaker, with a great deal of pain in my heart. I am saddened. And I am, quite frankly, very, very disgusted and disappointed.

I saw a news story this morning that brought me to tears. I could not believe what I saw and I heard. I would like to share now some passages from a story in The New York Times that relate to what I saw this morning, what I heard this morning. I would ask that persons who are very sensitive to things involving pain and suffering be mindful of what I am about to do and might govern themselves appropriately because this is very painful to hear and very sad to understand that it actually occurred.

This story is styled "Footage Shows Louisiana Troopers Punching and Dragging Man Who Died."

I was born in Louisiana, in New Orleans. I have friends there. I have some sense of what the State is like, but even this exceeds some of what I know can happen in Louisiana.

This article goes on to read: "Relatives of Ronald Greene," no relationship as far as I know, "were initially told that he had died from injuries he sustained in a crash after he failed to stop for a traffic violation outside Monroe, Louisiana, in May 2019, according to a lawyer for the family."

May 2019. You can do the math. That was some time ago. Some of us would say it was a long time ago.

"Body-camera footage obtained and published by the Associated Press on Wednesday showed Mr. Greene, 49, screaming, 'I'm sorry,' and 'I'm scared,' after troopers opened the door to his car and jolted him with a stun gun after a high-speed chase."

I recall instructions from my mother. Her instructions when I was a young child were to never run from the police. Never run from the police. She was emphatic about it, and she explained why. Never run from the police, she explained to me, her young son, because

the police will catch you and when they do, they are going to whip you. She explained to me that the police are of the opinion that if you run, a part of your punishment is a good whipping. This is what my mother explained to me as a child. So, we find today Mr. Greene saying, "I'm sorry," and, "I'm scared."

"'I'm scared,' Mr. Greene screamed, according to the video." He went on to say, "'I'm your brother. I'm scared,'" pleading, if you will. The "pleading" is what I am adding. That is not in the story, but pleading.

"According to the AP, which said it had obtained 46 minutes of video footage from the encounter, one trooper wrestled Mr. Greene to the ground, put him in a choke hold," some things bear repeating, "put him in a choke hold and punched him in the face. Another trooper briefly dragged him by his ankle shackles as he lay on the ground, according to the footage."

We know about choke holds. We know about knees on necks. We know that people are not always treated with respect.

Mind you, Mr. Greene, so far, has not exhibited a weapon. Yes, he was running, in the sense that he was driving away from the police. Yes, he should have stopped by standards that we like to employ. But does running from the police, driving your car away from the police, does this entitle the police to kick, tase multiple times, and drag a person?

"Mr. Greene was jolted again with the stun gun while he was on the ground and handcuffed." On the ground, handcuffed, and jolted again with a stun gun. This is what the footage shows, according to this news article.

"The AP reported that the troopers, who were White," again, some things bear repeating, "AP reported that the troopers, who were White, left Mr. Greene, who was Black, facedown and moaning for more than 9 minutes, as they wiped blood from their hands and face."

Mr. Greene is facedown, pleading, 9 minutes. The officers are wiping blood from their hands and face.

"'I hope this guy ain't got AIDS,' one of the troopers said on the video, adding an expletive."

He was concerned for himself at a time when a man is bleeding and in need of attention, medical attention, I might add. Officers have a duty to provide medical attention. When we are in combat with enemies, enemies who would destroy us, destroy our country, if we catch an enemy and that enemy is hurt, in need of medical attention, we provide aid and comfort.

Mr. Greene was not an enemy to the United States of America. He wasn't an enemy of this country. Mr. Greene wasn't trying to kill these officers.

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Yes, he resisted. But does resistance afford or grant the officers the legal

right to abuse him to the extent that he finds himself on the ground bleeding; they find themselves wiping blood from their hands and their face, and then concluding, "I hope this guy ain't got AIDS"?

There are people who don't want to hear the things that I have to say about invidious discrimination. They don't want to hear it because they don't want to acknowledge that it exists. Not only does it exist, it exists more than we know.

But for the body cameras, this wouldn't be in The New York Times. It is in The New York Times because there is now evidence, clear and convincing evidence, that it actually occurred. But there are people who don't want to hear a Member come to the floor of the House of Representatives and call these things to the attention of the world.

We call them to the attention of the world, because the world needs to know we have been right for years upon years, decades on decades, in making known these issues that have been ignored.

Now the truth is being revealed. George Floyd, the truth has been revealed. Ronald Greene, the truth has been revealed.

Let's go on. This story indicates that: "The Louisiana State Police said on Wednesday"—mind you, this is Wednesday in May of 2019—"The Louisiana State Police said on Wednesday that the investigation into Mr. Greene's death 'remains under review by Federal and State authorities.'"

My dear friends, my dear brothers, and my dear sisters, if an animal—let's say a dog—if they had treated a dog the way they treated Mr. Greene, a human being, the investigation would be over, the punishment would have been assessed, and I would dare say that they would have received punishment much more severe than what I am about to read to you.

The article states: "One of the troopers, who was involved in the encounter . . . was temporarily suspended and is back on the force."

Some things bear repeating.

"One of the troopers who was involved in the encounter . . . was temporarily suspended and is back on the force." This is what the State police said.

I am not sure that the humane society would have allowed this to go without some additional repercussions, lawful repercussions, I might add, if an animal, a dog, were treated the way Mr. Greene was treated.

Remember, Mr. Greene was pleading: "I'm your brother. I'm scared." Begging, "I'm sorry," he said.

Dear friends, Mr. Greene's death was ruled accidental and was attributed to cardiac arrest. How can we allow this to stand?

The family commissioned an independent autopsy that found severe injuries to Mr. Greene's head and skull and several wounds to his face. But the